

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.

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Parish Office Hours: 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2013

Increase my faith that I will never doubt that you are there. Increase my faith so I can approach with certainty this anxiety or disappointment that is happening in my life. Increase my faith to understand why bad things happen to good people.

These are some of the challenges of being a Christian; that uncertainty. Often when faced with these questions we feel like we have failed God somehow. I have no faith or I have lost my faith. Is God punishing me? And yet it is this tension that must exist in the faith relationship with God. Firstly we have to take comfort in the knowledge that the mustard seed of faith has been planted by God in a true act of love. He initiates the relationship. To make it grow, feed it with the love of the Holy Spirit and trust. It is interesting to know that the apostles living, eating and sharing their lives with Jesus; still aspired to have more of this commodity we call faith. Yet Faith like love, trust and hope can only come from within as a response to grace, God's love.

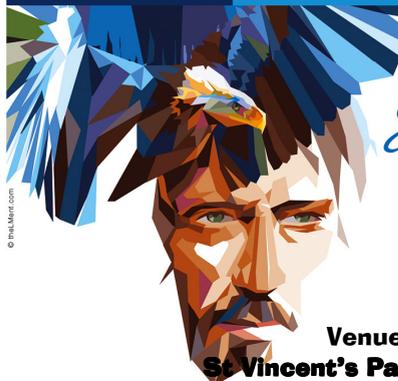
And who we judge as truly faith filled people will all share their extraordinary periods of true doubt and struggles with faith 'the dark night of the soul' when they sought to understand the Why of Faith? We can look to someone like Mother Teresa, Vincent de Paul and Mary Mackillop and we can see they didn't desert their mustard seed of faith. It was that mustard seed that fed and educated the poor, gave the dying of Calcutta dignity and gave us an indelible example of Christ, the servant God.

Marguerite Martin

Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating *Respect Life Sunday*. This year we are focusing upon the dignity and vocation of women as the bearers of life. We honour and celebrate women in their vocation of bearing life, both physically and spiritually, and pray for a deeper respect for every woman.

A brochure on this theme, *Respecting the Life-Bearer*, has been distributed to Sydney parishes. Please take one home to read and to pass on to others.

ACBC-BBI • 9th National eConference



Wednesday
16 October 2013

Gospel of
ST John
The Love of God
Made Visible

Venue:
St Vincent's Parish Office
12 Bland Street

Wednesday 16 October 2013
eConference 10.30am - 2.30pm EDT

Keynote Educators

Fr Francis Moloney SDB and Rev Dorothy Lee
Morning Tea provided at 10.00am & Light Lunch

provided RSVP: 97982501 marguerite@vinash.org.au 9798 2501

Marguerite Martin - Facilitator

Official Website: <http://john.vivlive.com>

Sisters In Glitter

Fundraising Concert Presented by

St Vincent's 6pm Choir

\$10 entry donation

Featuring selections from

SISTER ACT THE SINGING NUN
SR. JANET MEAD THE SOUND OF MUSIC

St Vincent's Parish Hall
Bland Street Ashfield
Saturday, 12th October 2013

Evening ~~6.00pm~~ - 8.00pm **sold out**

Matinee 1.00pm - 3.00pm

For enquiries call: Keith 0421460761 Lana 0410933324

Baptism next Sunday

Jonah Allan Ellis will be baptised on Sunday 13th October at the 10:00 am Mass.

RCIA every Wednesday 7pm

We will meet at the Parish Office with anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic.

12 Bland St. Contact Marguerite.

The Parish **MEN'S GROUP** will meet this coming **Tuesday October 8th** in the Parish Meeting Rooms at **7.30pm**. An informal gathering consisting of a short period of reflection and meditation then discussion on various topics. New members would be most welcome.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

Columban Calendars 2014 available for \$10 and Catholic Weekly for \$2 from Lillie

Social Justice Gathering. You are invited to an upcoming social justice gathering for Archdiocesan parishioners on **Saturday, 19 Oct, 10.30am – 3.30pm** at St Patrick's, Summer Hill. Hear from an exciting panel of speakers from Caritas, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Sisters of St Joseph, Catholic Mission, Capuchin Friars, and Micah Challenge, as we break open the 2013-2014 Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement, "Lazarus at Our Gate: A Critical Moment in the Fight Against World Poverty." Share lunch and ideas with other parishioners and learn how we can practically bridge the chasm of inequity, injustice and conflict in our world, as we ask ourselves, "who is at our gate?" **RSVP by 10 Oct** for this free event to gwayne.quevara@sydneycatholic.org or **(02) 9390 5935**.

On behalf of Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor
Our Lady's Nurses are having a Fete on the 12th of October from 9am until 2pm. Come and enjoy our many stalls including our wheel and Sausage Sizzle. Tea and Coffee will also be provided.
Venue: Our Ladies Home 35 Dudley Street Coogee

You are invited to the book launching of "Faith and Struggle on Smokey Mountain: Hope for a Planet in Peril" Fr. Benigno P. Beltran, SVD on World Mission Day, 20 October 2013, 2:00pm at St. Vincent Church Ashfield Hall, with discussions on how to bring the Gospel to the poor as Pope Francis has enjoined us all.

Please come and be inspired.

For more information, please contact Dina Aguilar-Franks on 0401 676 210 or email dfranks2193@yahoo.com.au

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
 Tuesday 7:00 am
 Wednesday 12 noon
 Thursday 9:00 am



Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am
 Saturday 9:00am - Rosary after mass

Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 9:00am Sunday 9:00am

Ashbury Parish Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 8:00am

Summer Hill Parish Mass: Monday: No Mass Tuesday 8:30am. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am

Remembering Marriages At St Mary's Cathedral. Those married at St Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special **Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday 13 October at 10.30am**, followed by a morning tea on the Crypt veranda. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St Mary's are also invited to join. To register your interest, RSVP valentina.markovina@sydneycatholic.org or call **Helen on (02) 9220 0414**.

Position Vacant - Diocese of Parramatta

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is looking for a dedicated Catholic and highly skilled person to take on the role of a Personal Assistant in the Bishop's office. The role provides secretarial and day-to-day management of an executive diary looking forward to 2014 and beyond with appointments. This is a full time position based in Parramatta. To view the full job advertisement and download the Position Description, please visit the Diocesan website www.parra.catholic.org.au and go the Employment section for the Diocese of Parramatta. **Applications close 5pm on Monday 14 October 2013.**

The Bible Is Catholic: A free Series by Dr. Robert Tilley. This course is for those who wish to deepen their reading of Sacred Scripture. It will explore how to read the Bible, the relationship between the Bible and Catholic Tradition, and how a Catholic reading of the Bible changes us. 7-8:30pm **Thursday 10, 17, 24 and 31 October.** Held at The Crypt, St. Patrick's Church Hill (near Wynyard). Admission: Free. Registration essential: **9390 5937** or Elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org.

Guild of St Stephen National Conference for Altar Servers (12-19 January 2014)

This amazing week for altar servers includes a fun-filled road trip; visits to MovieWorld and DreamWorld; talks, workshops and activities to learn more about altar serving; Mass; prayer; and a chance to spend time with altar servers from your parish and other parishes. This year the **Conference takes place in Brisbane**, with transport by bus available from Sydney. Register/enquire with Miss Karen Man 0433 765 400, Fr. Danai Penollar 0417 259 617 or by emailing conference@guildofststephen.org.au

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Within you will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: The just will live by faithfulness (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord (2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: If you had faith! (Luke 16:19-31)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good for those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Kings 5:14-17
 Ps 97:1-4
 2 Timothy 2:8-13
 Luke 17:11-19